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# 'Young Worker' takes look at Kahane's JDL

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The August issue of the *Young Worker*, publication of the Young Workers Liberation League, includes an article on the sensitive and controversial subject of Jewish nationalism.

The article, "JDL — Defender of Jewish Youth?" by Marc Bealor, New York YWLL organizational secretary and former member of a Zionist youth organization, analyzes the background and activities of the fascist Jewish Defense League, and its attempt to corrupt Jewish youth through racism and anti-Sovietism.

The article attributes the disturbing amount of support the JDL has won among Jewish youth for its violent attacks on black youth, Communist and progressive organizations, and Soviet diplomats and for its other activities in part to the "vacuum left among Jewish youth" by the "do-nothingism of the Jewish establishment."

Also of interest in the article, especially from the viewpoint of a Zionist, become Marxist, is the analysis of some of the "progressive" Zionist youth organizations as being unable to fight the tactics of the JDL because they "reject struggle in the U.S." and because of their "basic adherence to Zionist ideology."

Another pertinent article, "Capitalism's New Religion," was written by Jim Bains from a Birmingham, Ala., jail, where he was serving a three-month sentence because of his anti-war activities. The "new religion" it discusses is drugs. The article discloses CIA involvement in international drug traffic, and discusses the use of drugs as a "tool of monopoly in controlling the opposition" by offering an "easy

way out," the need for an anti-drug campaign among youth and what the position of the Left and the YWLL should be on legalization of drugs.

The unity of militant spirit running through the *Young Worker* can immediately be seen in the cover and the titles of the articles. The simple, attractive cover has pictures of two brilliant, courageous and beautiful women, Madame Binh and Angela Davis, with the slogans "U.S. Out — Set the Date!" and "Bail Now!" The titles, along with the well-chosen pictures and cartoons, indicate at a glance a good balance of stories of action, analysis, humor, international and domestic issues, dealing with the questions that today most occupy the thoughts of American youth.

For young workers and other youth who support rank and file struggles in the shops, there is an article about the annual organizing conference of the AFL-CIO District Council of Riverside and San Bernardino in California, the theme of which was "Organizing Youth for the '70's." It was written by a League member who participated in the conference and projects the spirit of rising militancy and dissatisfaction among the young rank and filers there.

If you read the last *Young Worker* you'll want to get this one, because it's the only way you'll be able to find out the latest developments of "Dick Tricky" and "Weirdo Nagyou," those real-life comic-strip characters, in their attempts at splitting the "working mob."

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